

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS RECEIVED ON THE TJNAF DRAFT RFP
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- 1. The 9-16-05 request for comment on the Draft RFP for TJ while a forward looking (21) day comment period speaks to a previously held "Site Orientation for all interested parties on February 23, 2005." Is this request for comment on the old draft to which the original site orientation was established, or the preliminary activity for a new rfp? In other words, is this a new and different, unrelated RFP? If so when will the new "bidders conference or site Orientation" be held?**

This is the first version of the Draft Request for Proposals (RFP). The request for comment is on the Draft RFP issued on September 16, 2005. The site orientation was held in February 2005, while the accelerator was shut down for maintenance in order to provide a more comprehensive site orientation for interested parties. Prior to the site orientation, the SEB published a draft statement of work for comment (available on the TJNAF SEB website) but did not publish a draft RFP at that time.

- 2. Also when will the answers to these questions be provided so they can be incorporated into the appropriate responses for comment by the 5th?**

The SEB is trying to answer questions as quickly as possible from the time that they are received. The time to answer depends on the complexity of the questions. Please note that the comment period has been extended to October 12, 2005. (See response to Question 6.)

- 3. I just saw this today. I have not read it, except the synopsis. Will Fire Protection be included in this?**

The M&O is responsible for providing the necessary facilities and infrastructure to conduct operations in a safe manner (See Statement of Work, Section C.3.2.2.ix). Currently, the M&O contractor does provide fire protection systems. The majority of work to install, upgrade, and maintain the fire protection systems is performed by subcontractors. Emergency response is provided by the City of Newport News.

- 4. Regarding the recent email notice extending the comment period due to problems with posting the RFP announcement on Fed Biz Ops, please be advised there is a similar problem with DOE's IIPS. When an IIPS listing is generated for "Opportunities by Date Posted" for the month of September, this posting does not appear. In fact, no IIPS postings are shown for September 16th.**

The IIPS website currently uses the date of initial posting of the synopsis for the "Browse opportunities by date posted" feature; therefore, the announcement appears

in the January 2005 section. The SEB is suggesting a change to the IIPS administrator so that modifications to synopses will be posted under the month of which it is released. The Draft RFP may also be located using the other browse features (e.g., by number, title, contracting activity). Companies registered in IIPS agreed to terms provided during the registration process, one of these terms being DOE makes no guarantee of electronic mail notification regarding updates or changes. Therefore, best practice should include frequent visits to the E-Center web site. IIPS provides registered users with the opportunity to subscribe to solicitation specific mailing lists so the Contracting Officer may notify subscribers via email when a significant update or change has occurred.

5. How are you going to have a tour last February with a request for a forward looking proposal?

Please see the response to Question 1.

6. What is the due date Actual Month, day year would help), time (cob or midnight), and places for comments (send to you by email, to you by hard copy to members of the board?

On September 28, 2005, the comment period was extended to October 12, 2005 on the IIPS website due to the delay of posting on FedBizOpps in the proper section. The time of 4:00 PM, Eastern Time, remains the same as the original September 16, 2005 IIPS posting. All comments, questions, and suggested changes must be submitted through the "Submit Questions" feature on IIPS with the comments tabulated and annotated with reference to the specific draft RFP Section, paragraph, and page number, as stated in the original IIPS posting on September 16, 2005.

7. What is the format for the comment on DE-RP05-05OR23177? (Mark in the margins, listed by page number paragraph, line number?

Please see the response to Question 6.

8. Electronic or hard copy? Both?

All comments should be submitted electronically through the "Submit Questions" feature on IIPS, as stated in the original posting on September 16, 2005.

9. Are there any substantive changes between the last version published and this?

Please see the response to Question 1.

10. Why was the TJ established TJ RFP website not used or propagated with the draft notice?

The IIPS website is the official site used by the Department of Energy for public procurement-related announcements. In order to ensure that there were no discrepancies between documents, the SEB chose to publish the Draft RFP only on the IIPS website, rather than both the IIPS and TJNAF SEB website. The TJNAF SEB website refers interested parties to the IIPS website to view the Draft RFP.

11. Where are your responses going to be posted (i.e. what web page)?

As stated in our IIPS posting, "Responses will be posted on the TJNAF SEB webpage at: http://www.oakridge.doe.gov/tjnaf_seb."

12. All acquisition schedule dates appear to refer to 2005.

The DOE, TJNAF Site Office will host a Site Orientation for all interested parties on February 23, 2005. The purpose of this Orientation is to familiarize potential offerors with the TJNAF Site and various presentations will be provided. Please limit attendance to no more than six per organization. Your Site Orientation Registration Form must be received no later than 4:00 PM, EST, February 10, 2005 to reserve space for the overview presentations.

Feb 2005 is long past. Is it possible the schedule date is 2006?

The dates on the website are correct. The original synopsis for this procurement was published on January 24, 2005, which included the announcement for the site orientation. The site orientation was held shortly thereafter (February 2005), while the accelerator was shut down for maintenance in order to provide access to these unique facilities. While we understand that the site orientation was several months ago, we felt it necessary to conduct it at that time to provide a more complete orientation to interested parties. Due to scheduled experiments, the accelerator and experimental halls will be unavailable for tours in the near future. There are no plans to have another site orientation.